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## MUST U. S. WAR?

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## FLEETS RUSHED TO PACIFIC

Great War Event of Twentieth Century Probably Occupy Rim of Pacific Ocean.

London.—The Daily Mail in an editorial article on the Japanese-American situation says:

"Around the immense area of the Pacific ocean the embattled nations of the world are gathering as the nations gathered around the Mediterranean 2,000 years ago. Careful observers universally will agree that the great events of the twentieth century probably will be occupied within the rim of this vast saucer.

"War between Japan and America is almost unthinkable. We believe the intentions of the statesmen of both countries to be profoundly pacific, and that the incidents at San Francisco are not responsible for the movements of the American fleet.

"Japan commenced the war with Russia, without previous decision, by destroying half the Russian fleet. Such a move was very effective the first time it was performed, and henceforth no nation will wait for a formal declaration of war, but will be ready to strike while there are yet no signs of a diplomatic rupture.

"The cautious and wise statesmen directing American policy are not violating prudence in deciding to concentrate their forces in the region where the eye can detect the menace on the obscure horizon."

Tokio.—The Asahi prints an interview with an influential Japanese naval expert, who says:

"It would be improper to infer a demonstration in the transfer of the American fleet to the Pacific. This movement is part of a prearranged plan and is a result of the constant growth of the American navy and the increasing importance of Pacific interests from the strategic need. No significance can be attached unless at least thirty ships have been transferred to the Pacific."

The Asahi also publishes an editorial article setting forth the same views, it regrets the American fleet can not visit Japan in order to enable Japan to reassess her sincerity and reciprocate the naval hospitality extended to the visiting Japanese warships at Jamestown. The paper also urges the abrogation of article II of the existing commercial treaty in order to put an end to the cause of the anti-Japanese feeling at San Francisco.

Almost all the newspapers treat the matter with calmness, finding it is natural for the United States to redistribute its naval forces as a result of its imperial policy. They, too, generally express regret that it will be impossible for Japan to extend hospitality to the American officers in return for that shown the Japanese officers at Jamestown.

The Asahi is an independent newspaper, popular among all classes, and has probably the widest circulation in Japan.

### "Teddy Bears" Mean Race Suicide.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The "Teddy Bear" fad was severely scored by Rev. Michael G. Esper from the pulpit in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The priest held that the toy bears in the hands of little girls were destroying all instincts of motherhood, and in the future would be realized as one of the most powerful factors in the race suicide danger.

Father Esper spoke earnestly to his congregation for fifteen minutes on the subject, exhorting all parents to replace the doll in the affections of children and discard the Teddy bear forever.

"There is something natural," said Father Esper, "in the case of a doll by a little girl. It is the first manifestation of the feeling of motherhood. In the development of these motherly instincts lies the hope of all nations. It is a monstrous crime to do anything that will tend to destroy these instincts. That is what the Teddy bear is doing, and that is why it is going to be a factor in the race suicide problem if the custom is not suppressed.

"It is terrible enough that the present generation of parents in the country are leading us into grave danger by the practice of race suicide. If we cannot awaken them, let us at least save the future generations."

### Set Gophers on Fire.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The torturing of gophers by Greek section hands at Salt Wells has been brought to the attention of the Humane Society and an example will be made of some of the more barbarous aliens. A popular form of amusement among them is to soak the gophers in kerosene and to set them afire, the antics of the pained animals being considered highly ludicrous. Another pastime is to hold the gophers in the flame of a railroad signal light until they expire. A bla-

zing gopher ran under a section house a few days ago and set the structure on fire.

### Two Babies Are Drowned.

SARASOTA, Wyo.—The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Lee fell into the creek near the ranch house on Spring creek and was drowned. The mother was alone at the time and waded in the deep water of the creek until she found the body.

Evanston, Wyo.—The two-year-old child of Mrs. C. Williams of Rock Springs, who is visiting friends at Robertson was drowned in an irrigating ditch at that place.

### Was Prepared to Make

### Desperate Resistance.

In making an examination of the body of Bailey Brown, the prisoner at the county jail who made an attempt to escape last Thursday morning and who was killed in the struggle with Deputy Sheriff Gale, an improvised sling shot made out of the combination knob of a lock was found tied to Brown's right arm. It was also discovered that locks in the jail had been tampered with, but done in such a manner that nothing but a careful examination revealed the fact.

It is plainly evident that it was Brown's intention to put up a desperate struggle for liberty and it was due only to the energy and courage shown by Mr. Gale that he did not. The body of Brown was buried Monday. It was learned after the shooting that he came from a good family in Los Angeles, Cal., at whose expense he was buried.

### Brilliant.

Ed Triplett, of Gardiner, has gone to Koehler for a few days' visit, and from there will leave for Chicago, where he intends to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeish, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNeish, of Brilliant, for the past few weeks, have left for Colorado Springs.

Thomas Gardiner, of Koehler, has been appointed mine superintendent at Brilliant.

Mrs. Amos Jones and daughter Minnie, spent the Fourth in Trinidad. William Poyser was severely injured in the mine at Brilliant last week and had the misfortune to break his leg in two places.

William Crutchley, of this place, has been spending several days in Trinidad.

Shell Gilliam, of Raton, is installing electrical appliances at Brilliant.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the county clerk since the last issue: July 1—John S. Whitney to Hattie L. Lane, lots 12 and 13 and north half of lot 11, block 1, North Side addition to Raton. Consideration \$1,000.

June 28—C. E. Harney to George D. Parrish, portion of section 28, township 25 north, range 22 east. Consideration \$250.

July 1—Hugo Seaberg to Gertrude Gray, lots 17, 18 and 19, block 13, original townsite of Raton. Consideration \$2,600.

July 1—The Colfax Sheep company to Louis Clausen, tract of land in township 31 north, range 25 east, township 30 north, range 25 east. Consideration \$14,150.

June 27—Juanita S. Gonzales to Julian Martinez, 160 acres in township 27 north, range 25 east. Consideration \$450.

April 12—J. H. Majors to Leta Like, lots 15 and 16, block H, Covey addition to Raton. Consideration \$90.

June 17—John Morrow to A. J. Melache, Jr., 160 acres in township 30 north, range 25 east. Consideration \$900.

June 5—W. A. Davis to W. A. Shallenberger, lots 13, 14 and 15, block 14, Maxwell North addition to Raton. Consideration \$200.

June 8—S. A. Wiseman to George T. Pearl, lots 1 to 9 and 16 to 24, inclusive, block 11, Park addition to Raton. Consideration \$100.

July 6—Harry Jelfs to Fayette Bellale, lots 41 and 42, block 1, Highland addition to Raton. Consideration \$540.

June 29—R. H. Carter to Daniel W. Thomas, lots 11 and 12, block 23, original townsite of Raton. Consideration \$2,425.

## FATAL WRECK ON THE HEBRON BRANCH

Engineer Wiedenbeck Killed, Fireman Crabtree Seriously Injured and Brakeman Estes Scalded in Derailment of Coal Train.

From the Raton Range.

The Willow coal run train on the Hebron branch of the Santa Fe was wrecked shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning, one mile west of Preston, while returning from Willow with a load of coal, resulting in the instant death of Engineer Michael Wiedenbeck, the serious and perhaps fatal injury of Fireman Clinton D. Crabtree, while head brakeman C. D. Estes was badly scalded about the face, neck and back.

The engine left the track while rounding a curve and seven loaded coal cars piled on top of it. The locomotive, No. 648, which had gone into service on this run only the day before, was partly turned around and turned over on its side. It is claimed that the track was in poor shape.

As soon as word of the wreck was received in Raton, Trainmaster Summers and the wrecker left for the scene, but as soon as the extent of the wreck was learned, the steam crane from Las Vegas was dispatched to the wreck and it was after midnight before the track was cleared.

The injured were brought to this city as quickly as possible and taken to the Santa Fe dispensary. The body of the engineer was not recovered until some little time after the accident occurred, it being lodged in the cab, and was brought to the Fugate-Fry undertaking rooms in this city.

The most serious injury sustained by Fireman Crabtree, who was unconscious when removed, was a fractured skull, while he was badly bruised about the body. Brakeman Estes was a new man on the run, having

entered the employ of the road only the day before. He was taking the place of Brakeman C. A. Baker for the day.

The wounds of both received careful attention and the men were removed to the Santa Fe hospital at La Junta on a special car at 4:30 p. m. Crabtree was pronounced to be in a serious condition, but he stood the journey well and hopes are entertained for his recovery. Mr. Estes' injuries are not regarded as serious.

The train was in charge of Conductor Cranor.

Michael Wiedenbeck was one of the best known railroad men in the employ of the Santa Fe, and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. He had been in the employ of the road for twenty-three years and had been a resident of this city since the early nineties. He was a man of a quiet, retiring nature and disposition, attended strictly to business and was regarded as a most careful engineer. Deceased was single, 43 years of age and had resided at the Rogers home on North First street for a long time. He was a devoted member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of the Masonic Order.

His home was at Washington, Ia., where he has relatives. The remains were sent east today on No. 2 to the old home of the deceased, Washington, Ia., and were escorted from the undertaking parlors to the station by members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the local Masonic lodge. Funeral services will be held at the Iowa home.

## News Notes From Springer Stockman

Business has been good in town this week.

J. W. Plunkett went up to Dawson Wednesday.

John C. Taylor visited Dawson this week on business.

J. M. Valdez went up to Raton Monday on business.

The first consignment of wool this season arrived here this week.

Dr. Hopkins went up to Maxwell City Thursday on a professional visit.

Rev. F. E. Finley held divine services at Red River, Taos county, last Sunday.

D. A. Clouthier and H. C. Abbott went up to Raton Monday morning, returning at noon.

M. M. Salazar and daughter, Miss Inez, went up to Raton Monday afternoon, returning Wednesday.

Mr. Whitworth, of Curtis, Oklahoma, father of Mrs. F. E. Finley of this city, came in Wednesday.

Miss Lillian Gist returned Wednesday from her visit of several weeks with relatives at Gower, Mo.

Cecil Collins and Roy Clouthier were down from Dawson last Sunday on a short visit with relatives.

Miss Bell Brown came down from Dawson Wednesday and enjoyed the Glorious Independence Day in Springer.

Miss Nellie Taylor who came up from Las Vegas Wednesday, where she is attending normal school, for the Fourth of July celebration.

Miss Jessie Kroenig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, with her baby, came up Monday evening from Watrous and spent the Glorious Fourth here.

John C. Taylor, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, went up to Raton Sunday afternoon, where he attended the regular quarterly meeting of the Board.

Harry Hankins from Denver and his brother Homer from Chicago, came in last Saturday and were met here by their father, going up to the mountains, where they will spend a few weeks with their father.

Frank Vance, who couldn't be called

ed a big policeman, but who is a New Mexico Mounted Policeman, was in town Wednesday.

H. C. Gimson of the Roy country, was in Springer Monday.

A citizen asked another a few years ago what was the reason for celebrating the Fourth of July, and he was told it was in commemoration of the day when Washington and his army crossed the Delaware on the ice.

The talk of completing the incorporation of Springer has been revived again, this time among some of those who formerly opposed it, but who have since seen the necessity of incorporation and the benefits to be derived by incorporation.

A marriage license was issued by the county clerk yesterday to Etna W. Van Horn, age 36, and Henry W. Farmer, aged 37, both of Roy, N. M. The couple were married last evening about 8 o'clock at the clerk's office by Judge D. C. de Baca—Wednesday's Las Vegas Optic.

J. E. Duchanois and daughter, Katharine, of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, came in Thursday of last week, and will visit for some time with the family of George G. King at Taylor. "Twenty-eight years ago," said Mrs. Duchanois, "I put the stone abutments in for the Santa Fe railway bridge over the Cimarron here."

Arthur Fraker was in Springer from his home Ocate Thursday and Friday this week, and participated in the Ball at the opera house Thursday evening. Arthur has for several years been attending school at Las Cruces and will spend two years more there in order to complete a thorough course in civil engineering.

### That Was All.

"Henry," she whispered, as though fearful of the worst, "do you love me less than a fortnight ago, when you brought me some flowers or sweets every night?" "No, Evelina, no," he answered; "but pay-day is yet a week off, and I generally get broke about the middle of the month."—Royal Magazine.

## CONTRADICTING ORCHARD'S TESTIMONY.

"False in One, False in All," Says Attorney for Defense.

The defense in the Haywood case believes it has shattered Orchard's credibility as a witness by developing glaring inaccuracies in his testimony concerning a comparatively trivial detail of the attempt to assassinate Fred Bradley, the former superintendent of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mill.

When Mr. Richardson was grilling Orchard on cross-examination he compelled the multi-murderer to go into the minutest details of his attempt on the life of Bradley. Orchard swore that he hid on the roof over the rear porch of the Bradley home and awaited the coming of the milkman. When the latter had deposited the milk intended for the Bradley household Orchard said he descended and poured a quantity of strychnine into the glass jar.

Richardson laid great stress on this incident and Orchard was emphatic when he reiterated the statement that he had concealed himself on the roof of the porch.

The defense submitted a number of affidavits dealing with the Bradley affair and one of these documents contained the statement that the roof over the Bradley porch was not constructed until six months after the explosion.

"That discrepancy alone should be sufficient to discredit all of Orchard's testimony," said one of the attorneys for the defense. "False in one, false in all," is a pretty good maxim. We have contended from the first that Orchard was rehearsing a carefully prepared confession. We have punctured it in many places, but this latest blow hole is the largest so far uncovered. Orchard could not have concealed himself on a roof which had not been constructed. When being cross-examined Orchard displayed the greatest familiarity with this particular roof. It had been a haven of refuge for him; he knew every board used in its construction. Yet it was not constructed until six months after the Bradley explosion and he swears he did not return to the California metropolis after his attempt to kill Bradley! Who told Orchard about the roof he had never seen? The state should inquire into that matter, as it seems a clear case of subornation of perjury."

The state attaches no significance to this inaccuracy. "The depositions touching on the Bradley case submitted tend to sustain Orchard's story, not to disprove it," said Senator Borah. A deposition by Witness Cummings, read, stated that Cummings had passed the Bradley flat half a minute before the explosion. A Jap boy was then washing the steps. Orchard swore that he had placed the bomb after the Jap had quitted the steps.

### EXPLOSION DUE TO GAS.

Attorney Darrow Takes the Witness Stand in Boise Trial.

Boise, Idaho.—The entire morning session of the Haywood trial was taken up Monday with the reading of testimony offered by the defense on the subject of the explosion at the house of Fred Bradley in Washington street, San Francisco, in 1905. The testimony was taken by a commission appointed by Judge Wood, who is presiding at the present trial, and is intended to contradict Harry Orchard's story as to the placing of a bomb on the front porch of the Bradley house as a part of the conspiracy alleged against the Western Federation of Miners and of which the state asserts the Steunenberg murder was an incident.

The defense during the stay of the commission in San Francisco secured the testimony of Bradley himself and several others expressing the belief that the explosion was due to gas and not declaring the have wrought was not caused by dynamite. Orchard declared the bomb arranged by him to be exploded when the front door was opened contained about ten pounds of dynamite incased in a large section of lead pipe.

The reading of the testimony, which was taken in question and answer form, was begun immediately after the convening of court at 10 o'clock. Attorney Clarence Darrow undertook the long task and seated himself in the high witness chair facing the jury.

The attorney read first the testimony of Walter D. Linforth, the owner of the apartment house in which Bradley lived. Linforth sued the gas company just after the explosion and was awarded \$10,000 damages. With the Orchard confession as a basis the gas company is seeking a new trial. Linforth, who lived in the next building to the apartments, declares the noise of the explosion was terrific and the windows in houses for blocks around were broken. Hurrying to the scene, Linforth said he could not smell any powder, nor did he see any fragments of lead.

In the basement of the apartment house there are seven meters. Two months after the explosion two plumbers found a hole in the back of one of the meters. The building was of frame and gas escaping in the cellar could rise between the walls to the vestibule, where the explosion occurred.

We note that several Raton young ladies, who were formerly enthusiastic rooters for their home town, now claim to be from Cimarron, and say that Raton is entirely off the map when it comes to playing ball.

## DID MUCH BUSINESS

County Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Colfax County, New Mexico, convened in regular session at the Court House in the City of Raton, in said County and Territory, at 9 o'clock, a. m., Monday, July 1st, 1907.

Present: J. C. Taylor, Chairman, E. N. Burch, Commissioner; E. G. Twitty, Clerk. Absent: David Crow, Commissioner.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, and the clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which upon motion, duly seconded, were approved as read.

The Board thereupon convened as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing complaints and objections against the raises in valuations of property returns for year 1907, made by the Board at its meeting in June, and to attend to such other business as might be brought before them.

Following reductions made:

Precinct 6. Daniel Troy—Land and Improvements, \$550.00.

Precinct 9. Florsheim & Abbott—Sheep, \$7,000.00.

Precinct 12. Joe Clouthier—Real Estate, \$250.00.

Precinct 19. Springer L. & I. Company—Improvements, \$200.00. Real Estate, 500.00. Sheep, 4,635.00.

Precinct 20. Wm. Brannin—Real Estate and Impts., \$100.00.

Raises suggested by the Board as follows:

Robert Kruger—Real Estate and Improvements.

Annie Kruger—Real Estate and Improvements.

John Thomas—Real Estate and Improvements.

Precinct 20. T. B. Lyon—Real Estate and Improvements.

A. J. Brumlett—Real Estate and Improvements.

Precinct 25. Lucy M. Stonebreaker—Real Estate and Improvements.

Mr. John Morrow appeared before the Board in behalf of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, and requested the Board to withdraw the raise made on personal property belonging to said Company in Precinct 6; the Board after discussing the matter at length, ordered the raise stricken from the tax rolls.

Mattie Beringer appeared before the Board and asked for an adjustment of her taxes for the 2nd half of the year 1890, and the 2nd half of the year 1904; the Board after full discussion, instructed the Treasurer to receive from Mattie Beringer the sum of \$14.23 in full payment of said taxes.

The Board thereupon adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 2nd.

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The Board met pursuant to adjournment, present the same Chairman and Commissioner and Clerk as on yesterday.

The official bond of Wm. Bolden as Constable for Precinct No. 23 approved, ordered filed and the clerk instructed to issue certificate of appointment.

Official bond of Manuel Salazar as Road Supervisor for Precinct No. 12, approved, ordered filed and the clerk instructed to issue certificate of appointment.

The following Justice of the Peace reports examined, approved and ordered filed:

Precinct 1—Herman Funke.

Precinct 2—Francis Mayland.

Precinct 3—J. S. Wilson.

Precinct 6—C. M. Bayne.

Precinct 12—J. F. Hutchison.

Precinct 15—Emil Ashe.

Precinct 20—F. P. Cantow.

Block No. 45 of the Original Townsite to the Town of Raton, N. M., sold to the County by Tax Sale Certificate No. 449, was found to be erroneous and the Treasurer is hereby

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